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- $\underline{\text{(d)}}$ [(c)] determining an execution time for each NOV 2 8 2000 vertex in the graph; Technology Center 2100
- (e) [(d)] determining counts of data records assigned to corresponding vertices in the graph; and
- (f) [(e)] creating outputting a description of the total execution time and performance of the <u>parallel processing</u> system based on the determined execution time and counts of data records.
- 2. (Twice amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
- (a) creating multiple descriptions of the total execution time and performance of the <u>parallel processing</u> system based on multiple input data sets;
- (b) creating a comparison of the multiple descriptions; and
 - (c) outputting such comparison.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 were in issue. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. Claims 3-12 have been allowed. No claims have been added or canceled. No new matter has been added. Thus, claims 1-2 are at issue.

The Amendments

The Examiner has argued that no patentable weight should be given to 2 phrases in the preamble of claim 1 (characterized by the Examiner as "applications expressed as a graph of vertices, or of vertices and links" and "analyzing the capacity of such an application executing on a parallel processing system"; not



